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1. CONOFF ANDERSON, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF RASMUSSEN DEPARTED MORNING MARCH 9 FOR NORTH BORNEO STATE OF SABAH AND SARAWAK TO PROCESS 60-80 REFUGEES AT GOEBILT 30 MILES DOWN RIVER FROM KUCHING. AFTER ANDERSON INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL OFFICIALS AND PROCESSING ROUTINE ESTABLISHED, RASMUSSEN WILL RETURN TO KUALA LUMPUR. ANDERSON PLANS PROCEED TO BINTULU, NORTHEAST COAST SARAWAK TO PROCESS ABOUT 15 PERSONS MARCH 14 AND THEN TO SABAH MARCH 15 FOR PROCESSING OF ABOUT 40 CASES AT LABUAN. HOPE TO COMPLETE EAST MALAYSIA SWING BY MARCH 18.

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2. RE PARA 5 REFTTEL: ASSUMING VOLAG REP CALLAHAN ARRIVAL KUALA LUMPUR O/A MARCH 27, HOPEFUL SHE CAN OVERLAP ONE WEEK WITH CONOFF ANDERSON WHO PLANS TO PROCEED EAST COAST OF WEST MALAYSIA O/A MARCH 21. EMBASSY HOPES TO BE ABLE COMMIT SUFFICIENT NUMBER CONOFFS AND FSL'S TO FINISH BY EARLY APRIL PROCESSING OF REFUGEES IN EAST COST CAMPS AT KOTA BAHARU, PULAU BESAR (NEAR KUALA TRENGGANU), KUALA DUNGUN(?), KUANTAN AND ENDAU

(NEAR MERSING).

3. AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ABOARD "ROLAND" DURING PAST WEEK PROCESSING POTENTIAL REFUGEES. WE ARE HOPEFUL THIS WILL LEAD TO SITUATION WHEREBY REMAINING REFUGEES ABOARD WILL BE RETURNED TO SHORE WHERE THEY CAN BE INTERVIEWED BY ANDERSON. LATEST REPORT IS THAT AUSTRALIANS ARE TAKING 72 FROM ABOARD ROLAND AND 96 FROM CAMPS ON EAST COAST.

4. FOR SINGAPORE AND JAKARTA: ENROUTE HONG KONG O/A APRIL 3 CONSOFF ANDERSON COULD STOP OVER FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH VOLAG REP CHEW AND ASSIST IN PROCESSING REFUGEES AT SINGAPORE AND TANJUNG PINANG. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU FEEL THIS WOULD BE USEFUL.

5. FOR DEPARTMENT: WE ARE CONCERNED THAT OUR CONCERTED EFFORTS TO COMPLETE PROCESSING CURRENT CEP CASES HERE BY EARLY APRIL WILL BE NEGATED BY FURTHER LENGTHY DELAYS IN OBTAINING VOLAG ASSURANCES. TO ASSIST VOLAGS (PER PARA 7 REFTEL) WE HAVE BEGUN CRASH PROGRAM OF PREPARING RELATIVE SEARCH/VERIFICATION CABLES TO ARC FOR APPROXIMATELY 100 PRINCIPAL CE APPLICANTS. WHERE APPLICABLE WE ARE REFERENCING DETAILED BIO CABLES WHICH WE PRESUME DEPT CAN FURNISH ARC AS NEEDED. PLEASE INFORM US IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT TO SPEED UP I-591 PROCESSING FOR CWS HEADQUARTERS AND MS CALLAHAN.
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